

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
RAMONA COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP**

A regular meeting of the Ramona Community Planning Group (RCPG) was held January 7, 2010, at 7 p.m., at the Ramona Community Center, 434 Aqua Lane, Ramona, California.

In Attendance: Chad Anderson (Arr 7:20) Chris Anderson Matt Deskovick (Arr 7:15)
Katherine L. Finley Kathy S. Finley Dennis Grimes
Bob Hailey Eb Hogervorst Kristi Mansolf
Jim Piva Dennis Sprong Angus Tobiason
Richard Tomlinson

Excused Absence: Torry Brean, Paul Stykel

Chris Anderson, RCPG Chair, acted as the Chair of the meeting. Kristi Mansolf, RCPG Secretary, acted as Secretary of the meeting.

ITEM 1: The Chair Called the Meeting to Order at 7:10 p.m.

ITEM 2: Pledge of Allegiance

ITEM 3: The Secretary Determined a Quorum was Present

ITEM 4: LIST OF ABSENTEES FOR THIS MEETING. Determination of Excused and Unexcused Absences by the RCPG – Secretary Will Read Record Separately from the Minutes – Torry Brean and Paul Stykel had excused absences.

ITEM 5: Approval of Order of the Agenda (Action)

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE ORDER OF THE AGENDA.

Upon motion made by Dennis Sprong and seconded by Jim Piva, the Motion **passed 11-0-0-0-4**, with Chad Anderson, Torry Brean, Matt Deskovick and Paul Stykel absent.

ITEM 6: ANNOUNCEMENTS & Correspondence Received (Chair)

The Chair announced that when DPLU is having a special meeting, they now have a system where people can dial a phone number to call in and listen to the meeting.

The Chair announced that the RCPG received a letter regarding a pedophile living in the area. The Sheriff's Department is working on this issue.

ITEM 7: FORMATION OF CONSENT CALENDAR

Mr. Hailey recommended placing Approval of the Minutes, Item 8; Richardson Recycling; Item 11-G-1; and the PPH Project, Item 11-G-2 on the Consent Calendar. There were no issues with the 2 projects reviewed by CUDA and T&T. There were no speakers for either project.

MOTION: TO APPROVE OF THE FOLLOWING 3 ITEMS: APPROVAL OF THE RCPG

MINUTES OF 12-3-09, ITEM 8; RICHARDSON RECYCLING, ITEM 11-G-1; AND THE PPH PROJECT, ITEM 11-G-2.

Upon motion made by Bob Hailey and seconded by Jim Piva, the Motion **passed 11-1-0-0-3**, with Chad Anderson, Torry Brean and Paul Stykel absent.

ITEM 8: APPROVAL OF MINUTES 12-3-09 (Action) – *Approved on Consent Calendar (ITEM 7)*

ITEM 9: NON-AGENDA ITEMS Presentations on Land Issues not on Current Agenda (No Presentations on Ongoing Projects – These Must be Agendized)

Mr. Joe Minervini, Ramona resident, wanted to speak about the Highland Valley/Dye Road improvements discussed at Supervisor Jacob's office on December 3, 2009, as a non-agenda item.

The Chair said that the item was already on the agenda so he can't speak on it as a non-agenda item but must wait and speak when the item comes up on the agenda.

Mr. Minervini said he would prefer not to wait, and someone else would present his comments when the item came up for review.

ITEM 10: Presentation of Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Report SCH #2008121130, RMWD, Santa Maria Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion Project, Dauben, RMWD Engineer. Available online: <http://www.rmwd.org/> (w/West and T&T)(Action Item)

Tim Stanton of the Ramona Municipal Water District (RMWD) presented the project. The plant and spray fields were established in their current locations in 1972. In 1990, there was a Supplemental EIR for expanding to 1 million gallons per day (MGD), and 1.5 MGD was addressed. In 1998, another environmental document for the master plan addressed 1.73 MGD by 2020 and an ultimate flow of 2.6 MGD. The Supplemental EIR prepared in 2009 addresses 1.47 MGD. Maintenance has been deferred since 1993. The current project is in 3 phases: Phase 1 will bring the system up to required new State standards for existing development. Capacity will be increased from 1 to 1.4 MGD. Phase 2 will provide capacity for homes within the sewer district not hooked up and some that are not built. The plant will expand to 1.28 MGD for 609 equivalent dwelling units (EDU). Phase 3 will branch out the sewer system for long term planning. The plant will expand to 1.47 MGD for another 609 EDU's. The EIR and project design address all 3 phases. Phase 2 and 3 planning will conform the facilities to the County General Plan; accommodate infilling of the Town Center; and address potential septic system failures. The County General Plan says 1.5 MGD is needed for the Town Center, and 2.47 MGD in the Active Sewer Service Area (approved by LAFCO for use in the future). Capacity is limited to 1.47 MGD due to land constraints. The bulk of the land in the vicinity of the project has been purchased for open space.

State laws have changed. The facilities are run under regulations such that the RMWD can be fined for non-compliance due to lack of upgrade to meet new standards. A spill into the Santa Maria Creek could lead to fines. Some fines have been \$1 to \$10 per gallon of spill. Hauling of excess flow is about \$60 per 1000 gallons. Cease and Desist Orders can be issued for non-compliance. Other impacts of not expanding the plant are there will be no

new sewer connections in the Town Center. People whose septic systems fail can't hook up. In conclusion, project impacts are mitigated to below significance; the adjacent RMWD parcel will be used for mitigation; and the project is not growth inducing.

Mr. Hailey asked where the excess can be hauled to?

Mr. Stanton said they could haul the excess into the City of San Diego and hope they will accept it. If there is no plant expansion, they will have to haul the raw sewage.

Mr. Deskovick asked if there was any money available from the rates/fees collected over the years?

Mr. Stanton said the improvements were never budgeted for, so no money was ever collected. The Board approved a rate increase in 2009. Connection fees go toward these improvements.

Mr. Sprong asked if the rate increase will be spread out to all RMWD customers for water and sewer?

Mr. Stanton said it would apply only to sewer service customers.

Mr. Piva gave the T&T Subcommittee report. The Ramona Trails Association has submitted a letter asking for a non-motorized trail connection to be provided that would allow connectivity from the Ramona Acres to the Ramona Grasslands Open Space Preserve.

Ms. Mansolf gave the West Subcommittee report. The West Subcommittee voted to recommend accepting the Draft Supplemental EIR. We have been hearing about the deficit for sewer capacity for projects that have been reviewed by the RCPG. When DPLU representatives for the GP Update have come to RCPG meetings, we have informed them of the RMWD sewer capacity limitations for future development.

Mr. Ralph McIntosh said that a meeting was held recently at DPLU on this issue, and they had seemed unaware of it.

Ms. Mansolf brought forward the West Subcommittee motion to support the Draft Supplemental EIR.

MOTION: TO ACCEPT THE RMWD DRAFT SUPPLEMENTAL EIR AND SUBMIT COMMENTS.

Upon motion made by Kristi Mansolf and seconded by Katherine L. Finley, the Motion **passed 12-1-0-0-2**, with Richard Tomlinson voting no, and Torry Brean and Paul Stykel absent.

MOTION: TO REQUEST THE COUNTY TO ALLOW THE RMWD THE ABILITY TO PURCHASE OPEN SPACE LAND FOR SPRAY FIELD ACCESSIBILITY.

(Discussion on the Motion)

Mr. Hailey felt the motion was not in the purview of the RCPG.

Mr. Deskovick said some open space needs to be released for spray field accessibility.

Mr. Anderson asked if we can change the use of the open space since it was paid for with public money?

(Voting on the Motion)

Upon motion made by Matt Deskovick and seconded by Eb Hogervorst, the Motion **passed 11-2-0-0-2**, with Katherine L. Finley and Richard Tomlinson voting no, and Torry Brean and Paul Stykel absent.

ITEM 11: SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

11-A: SOUTH (Hailey) (Action Item)

11-A-1: P70-379W2, Salvation Army Divisional Camp and Retreat Project.

578 Acres, 14488 Mussey Grade Rd. Increase Requested from 200 People to 615 People; from 33,570 Sq. Ft. to 190,750 Sq. Ft. Developed. Gnibus, Representative, BRG Consulting (w/T&T)

Mr. Hailey gave the South Subcommittee report. Most of the discussion was on the density proposed in this area, and safety and evacuation concerns. We had been promised an EIR and Fire Protection Plan, but these are not available yet. The Subcommittee voted to disapprove based on their concerns. The Salvation Army has tried to meet the needs of the Community, but there are still loose ends. The RMWD is still on record as opposing the project without a secondary access. There was discussion on whether or not the Fire Marshall could, at his discretion, cancel programs depending on weather conditions, but this was rejected.

Mr. Matt Peterson, an Attorney with Peterson & Price, presented the proposed Salvation Army project. Mr. Peterson has been working on the project for 10 years. Mr. Peterson introduced the project team and Salvation Army staff: Tim Gnibus is working on the EIR, Mike Matalon is the project architect, Dave Patton works at the camp, and Linda Markowitz is a Salvation Army administrator.

Ms. Markowitz has been with the Salvation Army for 30 years. Their mission is to make life better for people with needs. The Salvation Army has tried hard to answer the questions that have been raised. The Salvation Army is in 118 countries. In 2009, they helped 35 million people. Daily they serve 3 to 4 thousand people. Their big program is summer camping for children. The Salvation Army has 50 camps in North America. The camp on Mussey Grade Road is the smallest one. They want to reach more people there. Eleven years ago the camp was a dream. People can't change their life if they are hungry, dirty and have no hope. Well known people are strong supporters of the Salvation Army and their programs. The Salvation Army is realistic and will do what they have to do. They want to work together and they want to serve this Community.

Mr. Peterson said that the DEIR circulated and concerns were raised. These concerns were addressed with the Recirculated DEIR. The Final EIR and Fire Protection Plan (FPP) are almost complete. The project has been decreased. Originally there was 1,000 occupants, then 748. Now the proposal is for 615 occupants. This is the Reduced Alternative #1. Reduced Alternative #2 proposes 513 occupants. There have been major changes. The FPP is not like any other in the County. A 650 thousand gallon water tank is proposed. The 6 inch water line on Mussey Grade Road will be surcharged with a 10 inch line coming from the water tank. This will help with fire fighting. The project is 578 acres. If a residential development were proposed, the property could have 70 homes with 880 ADT's. If the Salvation Army project is expanded, they take away this ability to cluster future development. They have eliminated the RV component and also the remote camping component.

Mr. Peterson presented information in a tabbed handout to the RCPG. For the FPP, there is to be a huge open space where they will welcome neighbors for shelter, safety and help. There are relocation triggers built into the project. Secondary access had been discussed but they were unable to get this through the Golden Eagle Ranch and the other alternative would be to build a road over the mountains and private property, which is infeasible. There are no direct traffic impacts. He believes the project is safer than it was before. The water tank is being built at an elevation where the Fire Department can pull major water in the event of a fire. The RMWD is paying for the water tank. The project will be a multi-year, phased project.

The Shelter in Place (SIP) facility is available to residents in the area. This area is so beautiful. The camp has had 2 situations where they have had to relocate campers during a fire.

Mr. Hailey presented comments submitted by Jackie Lloyd on the project for the record.

Speakers: Mike Leach, Representative for the McGuire Family

Mr. Leach represents the McGuire family, who owns 300 acres by the camp. If the Major Use Permit is expanded, the uses allowed would not be in sync with the County General Plan or the GP Update. The area is zoned for rural use. It should be kept free of commercial encroachment. The proposed project is the expansion of a Use Permit, and the proposed uses should be in harmony in bulk and scale for the area. Therefore rural uses are dominant. The original Use Permit for the area was for a small church facility. In 1975 there was a proposal to double it to 100 people. It was a retreat for a church. The current proposal will allow rental of the facility to colleges and other similar types of facilities, as a conference center. The use then becomes commercial. If the project as proposed is approved, it will morph into a commercial use. Peak hour trips are disingenuous. They say they have compromised, but the proposed expansion is still out of scale for the area.

Speaker: John Jondall, Representing the McGuire Family

Mr. Jondall was a fire chief until he retired in 2007. He also served as a fire marshall. The longest deadend road on the project is 3-1/4 mile. The proponents are saying they are mitigating the project impacts with enhanced conservation, sprinklers, a water tank and fuel modification zones. These elements are required – they are not mitigation. The camp is located in a high fire hazard area. Shelter in place is on hold. Last year in Australia 173 people died. Two-thirds of them were in their homes. Survivors described the fire as a hail storm of embers accompanied by lack of visibility, frequency of spot fires, noise and stress. Psychologically survivors have to be able to handle the emotional and physical stress of sheltering in place. Being forced to stay due to having the inability to exit is different than staying by choice. Children, the disabled and the elderly should all leave early. Mr. Jondall was surprised CAL FIRE bought into the plan. In April, 2009, the CAL FIRE Director and the State Fire Marshall took a position of prepare and leave early. Every County south of San Francisco except for San Diego has adopted this position.

Speaker: Louis Wolfsheimer, Representative for the McGuire Family

Mr. Wolfsheimer has been the Chair for a City Planning Commission and a member of the Coastal Commission. In the Cedar Fire of 2003, 100 homes were destroyed on Mussey Grade Road. There are 160 families on Mussey Grade Road and only one way out. Mr. Krysak, past president of the RMWD wrote a 30 page document on the governmental failures in the Cedar Fire. In this document he refers to Mussey Grade Road as the tunnel of death. No Sheriff's deputies went down Mussey Grade Road. The past Fire Marshall did not approve the project. The current Fire Marshall

has approved the Fire Protection Plan. The RMWD disapproved of the project twice without a secondary access. If a tree falls down, the game is over for access.

Speaker: Betty Meador, Ramona Resident

Ms. Meador moved to Mussey Grade Road in 1971. She wanted her daughter to have horses. Her daughter attended Ramona High School. Ms. Meador is surprised there is talk of having 600 people in the conference center. How many extra cars will there be? When we discuss Mussey Grade Road, we are also discussing all of the side roads that depend on Mussey Grade Road, such as Mahogany Ranch Road, Thomas Paine, and Dos Picos Park Road. A secondary access seems necessary if the camp is to expand. Some won't make it out of Mussey Grade in a fire. She asked the RCPG to make a strong moral decision.

Speaker: Melvin Kettner, Ramona Resident

Mr. Kettner was living in Ramona during the fire storms. In 2003, he woke at 5 a.m. to embers and smoke and had to evacuate quickly. Mussey Grade is a tinderbox. This is not about the Salvation Army program. It is a good organization that serves a lot of people. Some day there will be other fire storms. Mr. Kettner is a retired psychoanalyst. When there is a fire storm, the best thing to do is to get away. He asked the RCPG to vote against the project. The Salvation Army may want special treatment. Fire storms don't give any special treatment.

Speaker: Richard Zelmer, Ramona Resident

Mr. Zelmer said the Salvation Army is an idealistic organization. They sincerely want to do good. This is a whitewashing project. Mr. Zelmer is a fire expert. He did a stint with the USFS. After the 2003 fires, Mussey Grade looked like the moon. It looks great now. After the fire there were furballs all over the road. He asked the Salvation Army to withdraw their request for expansion. The name Sierra Del Mar has changed to Wildwood Ranch. The Salvation Army is not mentioned in the name. Children will only use the camp part of the year. The rest of the year it will be a commercial center.

Speaker: Chris Polychron, Attorney for the Mussey Grade Alliance

Mr. Polychron asked the RCPG to abstain from voting. Sufficient information is not available to make a decision. The project was brought back due to new information in the FPP in 2008. In order to take actions, certain maps and support documents are necessary. DPLU hasn't provided these documents. The public hasn't had a chance to review the documents. There have been 2 votes of denial in the past. Per Policy I-1, there has to be a vote to reconsider a previous action. The project has changed. The plans are necessary to review the changes. The project endangers lives.

Speaker: Rich Morgal, Ramona Resident

Mr. Morgal said the Final EIR has not been distributed. The information should be available prior to making a decision. His wife is a biologist and she believes the project doesn't comply with the MSCP. Actions show a lack of integrity and ability without all of the information. Everything burned in 2003. Everything was gray. People have since rebuilt. He has concerns with getting out of the Mussey Grade area during a fire. He has concerns with sending his wife and child onto Mussey Grade Road during a fire to evacuate. The fire came through around 5 or 6 in the morning

in 2003. During the 2007 fire, he went to Alice Street to help a friend evacuate and took his possessions. He waited 3-1/2 hours in the traffic trying to leave town.

Speaker: Bruce Meador, Ramona Resident

Mr. Meador read a letter from the Wildlife Research Institute (WRI), a nonprofit organization. The letter was written by Chris Meador, staff biologist. Every January and February the WRI hosts the Raptor Watch. Hundreds of people come to this event. In spring of 2009, eagles nested about 1 mile northwest of the project site. The last time the eagles had nested was in 1999. The nest burned and was rebuilt after the 2003 fires. However, due to human intrusion, the eagles kept failing to nest. In 2009, the City of Poway closed off this area. The success of the nesting is attributed to the closing off of the area. This information documenting the recent nesting activity needs to be included in the Final EIR.

Speaker: Usha Zelmer, Ramona Resident

Ms. Zelmer said that if you love kids and want them in nature – don't bring the city to them. There have been 3 fires since she has lived on Mussey Grade Road. The fire in 2003 was the worst. Mussey Grade is a serene, peaceful place. Why not buy commercial land and bring country ventures there?

Speaker: Joseph Mitchell, Ph.D., Mussey Grade Road Alliance Fire Expert, Ramona Resident

Dr. Mitchel is a physicist who is also a fire expert with works published on the topic of fires. He has served on the State Fire Marshall Task Force for 2010. He reviewed the last version of the Recirculated DEIR. There is a tangible danger to Mussey Grade residents with people at the camp, but especially during fire season. If there are 300 cars at the camp – the people at the camp won't want their cars to burn, so they may leave, impacting Mussey Grade Road. Reliable information is not always available in a firestorm. We haven't seen the Final EIR and FPP so we don't know if past concerns have been addressed. It is one mile from the camp entrance to the shelter-in-place facility through heavy brush. Since the camp is 1 mile south of Dos Picos Park Road, it is better for residents to leave the area than shelter at the camp.

Speaker: Diane Conklin, Spokesperson, Mussey Grade Road Alliance, Ramona Resident

Ms. Conklin said the Mussey Grade Road Alliance was created in 1999 to preserve and protect historic Mussey Grade Road. The Salvation Army project was the catalyst for the organization's genesis. The Army project is a gorilla's foot in a glass slipper. For the occupancy requested with the proposed expansion, there would be 200 people shy of what the Barona Casino can have. This is a conference center that is going to be rented out. In 2003 2/3rds of the housing along Mussey Grade was burned in the Cedar Fire, south of the Army's land. In 2005 the RMWD asked for secondary access. The RMWD Fire Marshall at the time said that the Salvation Army could not get secondary access so he wouldn't require one. In 2007 the area was again threatened by the Witch Fire. That year the Mussey Grade Road Alliance demanded recirculation of the EIR to cover fire issues. Fire was not originally addressed. Concerns were raised again after the Recirculated DEIR went out for public review in 2008 and included a Fire Protection Plan. We are still waiting for the revised Fire Protection Plan in 2009. We need to see that those concerns are addressed. The agenda item for tonight does not notice the item as a reconsideration and therefore, under the Brown Act, cannot be accomplished this evening. We ask that the item be tabled until the County DPLU releases the documents to the RCPG.

Speaker: Mark Hutton, Ramona Resident

Mr. Hutton said that the Salvation Army is looking to expand their Major Use Permit. It is up to the County to say if it is approved. He asked the Salvation Army not to build a conference center due to the impacts. There are also environmental impacts. He asked the RCPG to re-deny the project and wait to review the documents.

Mr. Piva gave the T&T Subcommittee report. There are 18 members on his Subcommittee. Two were absent. Sixteen members is a good representation of the committee. They looked at the plan in consideration of the surrounding area. They approved the project 15-1, with 1 member voting no. They wanted to see the project go ahead and felt they were trying to address concerns.

The Chair said it is irregular to have a project before the RCPG without the documents. Policy I-1 stipulates having the documents available when a project is being reviewed.

Mr. Peterson said the project is ready to go to hearing.

The Chair said that the documents were originally requested in 2001. We were told in 2009 they were to come out December 28. We were told we may have them Monday, January 4. We requested them. We never received them. We need to see the FPP.

Mr. Peterson said the project will go to hearing.

The Chair said we would speak in opposition at the hearing. We can have a special meeting if the documents become available before the 20th. We could table the project until we receive the documents.

MOTION: TO TABLE.

The motion was made by Katherine L. Finley and seconded by Bob Hailey.

When the Chair said there would be no further discussion, Mr. Hailey withdrew his second.

Mr. Deskovick said we should look at the project without the fire issues. This is an idea we like. The 650 thousand gallon water tank is a great idea. He's hauled water in fires. Having access to water in that area may help get the Fire Department down there. He is against the dedication of open space as this will create a fire hazard. He likes the idea of putting in goats and fences and having an open space. He likes the idea of remote camping. Golden Eagle West is under new ownership by a foundation that has something to do with children. We are not professionals – the fire people make decisions, not us.

Mr. Anderson said that the Salvation Army is a great organization. He doesn't believe the project is out of character with the area. He would like to see remote camping at this location. Mr. Anderson is for the project.

Mr. Grimes said major concerns have been brought before the applicant. We should have the information before us. The tabbed package is excellent but it is not a formal government document. Tab 4 is self-serving – saying the reasons they can't do a secondary access. He thinks secondary access is key to the project expansion and needs to be addressed. Maybe the new owner of Golden Eagle West will be agreeable to having secondary access through their property. He doesn't agree

with the action of the T&T Subcommittee for the project. The open space is a fire risk and maintenance liability. Mr. Grimes thinks the Salvation Army is a great organization.

Mr. Hailey admires the Salvation Army. We have to treat the project in the best interest of the Community. At one time there was a religious organization in town that bought property and set up a church. They went for a Major Use Permit. The County approved – we didn't. One of the concerns is that the Major Use Permit stays with the land. We are expanding the number of people in this area. The Salvation Army could sell the project in the future.

Mr. Tobiason has lived in Ramona 72 years. Mussey Grade was once the main road. When the fire was burning in 2003, no fire trucks went down Mussey Grade. There were 3 fire trucks at the end of Rosemont Lane. The fire came through and some of his family lost their homes. This area is a fire hazard. Some of the homes burned on Mahogany Ranch Road. They were new homes with open space as part of their properties, mandated by the County.

Ms. Mansolf said that the Salvation Army is a wonderful organization that reaches out to help everyone in their time of need. They have a reputation for being cutting edge in the area of disaster preparedness. However, the project impacts to the residents on Mussey Grade must be considered at a realistic level in planning to expand the project to accommodate 600 people. In 2003 Mussey Grade residents were evacuating themselves and their animals in the middle of the night with little warning. The road was congested. There are never enough emergency resources in the first hours of a fire. Resources are limited and deployed elsewhere. In 2007, the whole town was evacuated. In one of the Salvation Army documents, traffic control was referenced. There was no traffic control. People were not letting people enter Hwy 67 from side streets like Mussey Grade Road. Traffic was backed up for hours. Resources and key people couldn't get in and people were slow to get out.

The Chair said that the advantage of the 650 gallon water tank is incredible. The project has been reduced a lot. She likes the project reduced. We have been through 2 fires. Secondary access to the project is key. She has no issues with the structures. She is concerned about the increase of open space from 95 to 395 acres. She would also like to see ag open space. She would defer to the authorities. If the Fire Marshall approves the FPP and they have a letter showing this, she would accept this. Ms. Anderson evacuated in both fires. Maybe they should include as part of their plan having traffic control at the intersection of Mussey Grade and Hwy 67 in a fire. If we had the FPP, we could have voted.

Mr. Sprong asked why their fire consult that attended the T&T meeting was not in attendance? Why has the FPP not been brought forward? He was unaware that the project was to be a leased/rented convention center. He felt the team was not open with this information. Mr. Sprong commented that people sheltering in place will not be fighting the fire. He asked the residents to look at the benefits of the project. He likes the project.

Mr. Piva said that Lloyd Wells is the new owner of Golden Eagle West. He likes the idea of ag open space. He is familiar with the past RCPG and thinks the neighbors would like to have the project if the issues are addressed.

Ms. Kathy S. Finley asked when the Planning Commission meeting was? And where does the project go then?

Ms. Mansolf said the meeting was January 22. The Planning Commission is the approving authority. If the Planning Commission decision is appealed, the project will go to the Board of Supervisors.

Ms. Finley said that not having the FPP available is a huge stickler. The Mussey Grade area has greater issues with fires that most of Ramona, and the location of the project is on Mussey Grade Road.

Ms. Katherine L. Finley said that if the project were a win-win, the people of Mussey Grade would see some benefit. The Salvation Army can turn around and sell the project. She has a problem with the "sitting around the campfire" reference. She is concerned with the Fire Marshall approval. She is opposed to the Draconian idea of a secondary access, but agrees with it for this project in this location. She is not concerned with the people at the facility if they want to be there and know of the danger. The project expansion affects the safety of the people living in that area. The bottom line is it is a commercial enterprise.

Mr. Tomlinson said that the residents seem to be against the project.

Matt Peterson concluded his presentation. With the Shelter in Place function, 1300 people can be inside the facility. There will be a fire protection air filter on the facility. Outside, if there is no smoke and flames, cars from Mussey Grade can park in a football-field sized area. The Camp will be a retreat center that can be rented out to provide a source of income for the camp. The Ramona Fire Marshall and the San Diego County Fire Marshall are refining the FPP. There is a summary of the FPP under Tab 3 of the literature presented, on the second page, prepared by their fire expert. If you read through it, all of the elements are there. There are trigger points that will determine the actions to be taken. The goal is to get people out very early so they won't interfere with Mussey Grade Road residents. If Mussey Grade is not flowing freely, they will go to the SIP structure. The SIP structure is also available to Mussey Grade Road residents. The relocation trigger threshold is set up so if 3 hours or more are available before fire threatens, then relocation is directed by fire officials. If less than 3 hours are available, relocation occurs only if Mussey Grade is flowing freely. There are additional points. They believe this project will make Mussey Grade Road safer. If there are only 200 kids, there will be no tank to pressurize the 6 inch line, no fees paid to the RMWD, no TIF, and no SIP structure for the camp or residents.

The Chair said she wants to see the government document. Will there be campfires?

A Salvation Army representative said that they have a plug-in campfire

MOTION: TO SCHEDULE A SPECIAL MEETING TO REVIEW AND ADDRESS THE FIRE PROTECTION PLAN AND FINAL EIR PRIOR TO JANUARY 20, 2010.

Upon motion made by Kristi Mansolf and seconded by Katherine L. Finley, the Motion **passed 13-0-0-0-2**, with Torry Brean and Paul Stykel absent.

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE PROJECT AS PRESENTED WITH NO OPEN SPACE PROVIDED AND A MANDATORY GROWTH CONTROL OF ALL PROPERTY, AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LACK OF THE FIRE PLAN BEING PRESENT.

Upon motion made by Matt Deskovick, the Motion failed for lack of a second.

MOTION: WE WERE UNABLE TO MAKE A DECISION IN SUPPORT OF THIS PROJECT DUE TO THE LACK OF THE FIRE PROTECTION PLAN REVIEW; HOWEVER, WE SUPPORT ALL OTHER ASPECTS SUBMITTED.

Upon motion made by Matt Deskovick, the Motion was withdrawn.

11-B. WEST (Mansolf) (Action Item)

11-B-1: Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Report SCH #2008121130, RMWD, Santa Maria Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion Project. Available online: <http://www.rmwd.org/> (w/T&T) *Item 10 at Top of Agenda*

11-C: EAST (Kathy S. Finley)(No Business)

11-D: PARKS (Tomlinson) (No Business)

11-E: AHOPE (Grimes) (No Business)

11-F: GP Update Plan (Anderson) (No Business)

11-G: CUDA (Brean)(Action Items)

11-G-1: Richardson Recycling, 3970-09-015 (VAR). 1018 “A” St. Request for Reduction in Parking. Powell, Representative (w/T&T) *Approved on Consent Agenda*

11-G-2: STP 09-005, Palomar Pomerado Health, Ramona Satellite Clinic, Main St., Contact is Richard Miller, MetroPlan. 2.6 acres. D5 Special Area Regulation Applies, 2 Story Clinic, 37,500 sq. ft. Access to be from Main St. and from 13th and 14th St. Mitigated Negative Declaration (w/T&T) *Approved on Consent Agenda*

11-H: Transportation/Trails (Piva)(Action Items)

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11-H-2: Richardson Recycling, 3970-09-015 (VAR). 1018 “A” St. Request for Reduction in Parking. Powell, Representative (w/CUDA) *Approved on Consent Agenda*

11-H-3: STP 09-005, Palomar Pomerado Health, Ramona Satellite Clinic, Main St., Contact is Richard Miller, MetroPlan. 2.6 acres. D5 Special Area Regulation Applies, 2 Story Clinic, 37,500 sq. ft. Access to be from Main St. and from 13th and 14th St. Mitigated Negative Declaration (w/CUDA) *Approved on Consent Agenda*

11-H-4: P70-379W2, Salvation Army Divisional Camp and Retreat Project. 578 Acres, 14488 Mussey Grade Rd. Increase Requested from 200 People to 615 People; from 33,570 Sq. Ft. to 190,750 Sq. Ft. Developed. Gnibus, Representative, BRG Consulting (w/South)

11-H-5: Community Right of Way Development Standards. New Opportunity

**For Grant Application in April. Seeking Letters of Support to Submit
With County Grant Application for Ramona to Develop Community
Right of Way Standards for Ramona**

Ms. Mansolf said that Ramona did not get funded for the Community Development Right of Way Standards grant that was submitted by DPW last April. There is another grant opportunity in April, 2010, and Bob Goralka of DPW asked if we could get a few letters of support from entities within the Community. Valley Center was funded for this program last year, and Mr. Goralka emailed us information to help facilitate this process. Valley Center received many letters of support and Ramona received 1. Community Development Right of Way Standards in combination with the GP Update will enable Ramona to have design elements unique to the Community that can enhance our rural characteristics.

Mr. Piva said that Frank Guasti, Dawn Perfect, John Degenfelder and George Boggs of the T&T Subcommittee have offered to help solicit letters of support for this program.

**11-H-6: Follow Up of Meeting in Supervisor Jacob's Office on Hwy 67 12-3-09
Consideration of Highland Valley Rd./Dye Rd. Improvements Being
Placed as a Priority on Capital Improvement Projects List**

Mr. Piva said the T&T Subcommittee felt the Highland Valley/Dye Road improvements are important, but the other projects on our list are needed, too, and have been planned for and are moving forward. If we say to stop working on those, we could lose the work that has been done. Some of the people at the meeting stayed to talk to the 2 County planners for these types of projects. There is \$644 thousand in the TIF. Part of the San Vicente project is 74 percent complete. For Dye Road, part of the project is 64 percent complete. If we don't move forward with these needed projects, time and money will be wasted. There was also discussion on how CalTrans never reported back to us on some items Carl Hickman asked them to investigate, such as re-synchronizing the stop light at Highland Valley/Dye so that 25 seconds could be cut off of the wait time.

Speaker: Donna Myers, Ramona Resident

Ms. Myers said Mr. Minervini feels the intersection needs widening at Highland Valley/Dye Road. He is asking we rework our lists to include this project.

MOTION: THE RAMONA COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP RECOMMENDATION IS TO MAINTAIN FORWARD PROGRESS ON THE EXISTING CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT LIST FOR RAMONA. WE REQUEST FINDING ANY OTHER ALTERNATIVE FUNDING FOR HWY 67 IMPROVEMENTS. WE DO NOT WISH TO RE-ALLOCATE OUR TIF FUNDS OR CIP MONEY FOR RAMONA FOR THE HIGHLAND VALLEY/DYE ROAD INTERSECTION PROJECT.

The Motion **passed 12-1-0-0-2**, with Angus Tobiason voting no, and Torry Brean and Paul Stykel absent.

MOTION: TO WRITE A LETTER TO CALTRANS TO FOLLOW UP ON THE MEETING IN SUPERVISOR JACOB'S OFFICE DECEMBER 3, 2009, REGARDING HWY 67, ON THE 4 ITEMS REQUESTED FOR CALTRANS TO INVESTIGATE.

Upon motion made by Jim Piva and seconded by Dennis Sprong, the Motion **passed 12-0-0-2**, with Torry Brean and Paul Stykel absent.

11-H-7: Report of County Draft Public Road Standards Committee Meeting

Mr. Piva announced that the Public Road Standards were adopted.

11-I: DESIGN REVIEW (Anderson) – Update on Projects Reviewed by the Design Review Board

The Chair had not attended the meeting and had not yet seen the minutes.

11-J. RAMONA VILLAGE DESIGN (Brean, Stykel) Update on Ramona Village Design Committee Meetings

There was no report as both Mr. Stykel and Mr. Brean were absent.

ITEM 12: OTHER BUSINESS (Chair)

A. Service First Initiative Update, Report from Meeting 10-10-09 at DPLU

Ms. Kathy S. Finley attended a meeting on the Service First Initiative Update for the Chair. The County has been making changes to make everything run smoother. Several issues have been identified and corrected. Community contact lists have been incorrect. Contact lists have been updated and sent out. We haven't been getting notified when notices are going out on projects to neighbors within the 300 foot radius – this has been corrected so that planning and sponsor groups get this information when the neighbors do. The KIVA number is now on the forms. Building permits are now streamlined. There is a cheat sheet that is being provided to customers to help them to get through whatever process they are pursuing. Everything is now online. We will be getting online documents in the future. When planners changed in the past, continuity was lost. Now there is a checklist and the information is in a computer. DPLU wants our final vote of approval, and no votes for approval in concept.

B. Update on Emergency Evacuation Road north of the Ramona Airport

Ms. Mansolf reported that she attended a meeting on the Emergency Evacuation Road north of the Ramona Airport. An update was given. One resident is reluctant to allow access. At the meeting it was asked that someone in the Community talk to the resident about their concerns. Mr. Piva has offered to contact the resident.

ITEM 13: ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS (Chair)

A. Election of Officers for 2010: Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary

MOTION: TO HAVE THE SAME OFFICERS AS 2009.

Upon motion made by Bob Hailey and seconded by Richard Tomlinson, the Motion **passed 12-0-1-0-2**, with Dennis Grimes abstaining, and Torry Brean and Paul Stykel absent.

B. Names Submitted for New Subcommittee Members (Action)

The Chair asked each Subcommittee chair to contact their members and ask them to re-commit to serving on the Subcommittee in 2010. We will reconfirm next month.

C. Agenda Requests – None

D. Concerns of Members

Mr. Deskovick would like to see all motions be handled where individuals vote on paper, like a ballot. This way the voting order would be mixed up. He feels some people are influenced by the way others vote.

(Mr. Tobiason left at 10:50)

The Chair said that she was always the first to be called before Mr. Anderson joined the Group. Sometimes she would ask to vote last. She will look into this issue and have an answer by the next meeting. She asked this item be placed on the next agenda.

Ms. Kathy S. Finley said we need to be adults and professional listening to the projects. We need to give the same respect to every project. Stick with the rules. The proponent speaks, the people speak, and then we speak.

Mr. Grimes had concerns over agenda item 13-E. This item has been agendized for months and he feels the point has been made. He thinks it is an insult to keep it on the agenda.

E. RCPG Member Meeting Attendance – Concerns Over Members on the Group that do not Fulfill their Duty to Ramona to Attend the Meetings (whole or in part) and the Consequences of their Actions, Report on Meeting Attendance

The Chair said she will give the report at a future meeting.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

Kristi Mansolf